

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 19 through 21 are pending, with Claim 19 being independent.

Figs. 6 through 8 were required to be labeled as --PRIOR ART--. In response, transmitted herewith are 3 replacement sheets of formal drawings comprising Figs. 6 through 8 having been so labeled to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheets presently on file. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Claims 19 through 21 were rejected under the judicially-created, non-statutory doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting over grandparent U.S. Patent No. 6,169,530 B1 (Mori, et al. '530). All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the submission herewith of a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to Mori, et al. '530.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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